Welcome to Room 8!

Our class is a year 5/6 class. We have 29 students.

Here are some interesting facts about our class for term 3:

- **Reading** - *Fremantle Prison Break* by Deborah Lisson. It is a historical novel which is part of the My Australian Story series. The novel has a historical focus and lends itself beautifully to the many exciting guided reading activities. It is presented in the form of a journal which is written by the main character.

  ![Fremantle Prison Break Book Cover](image)

- **Writing** – We are studying many new forms of poetry. In fact we set up a POETRY BOOK in term 2. Each week we work independently on collecting poems of personal interest. We analyse specific poems and occasionally we write our own poems.

- **Science** - we are working on our **CREATORS AND DESTROYERS** topic which is based on Volcanoes!

- **Maths** - Working on fractions, decimals, percentages, problem solving, algorithms, transformations, angles and much more! We participate in Mathletics.

- **We are learning our TIMES TABLES! For accuracy and instant recall!**

- **Doing our homework** (Sound Waves spelling words, maths assignments and Homework Grids) and returning it for marking every Friday.

- **Participating in Upper school Sports** – in preparation for our athletic carnival. Each week we must remember to wear our faction t-shirt, good running shoes and a hat. We must bring a water bottle.

- Engaging in lots of small group work! Every Thursday we participate in a numeracy block and a literacy block of activities. During each block we rotate through 4 activities. We are really enjoying these activities as we have several wonderful parent helpers coming in each Thursday to support us.

- **We use our virtues** whenever possible! We are practicing self-discipline, independence, responsibility and orderliness. We have 3 Faction Captains, 3 Councillors and Green Team members.
• This term our school focus virtue is:

- ENTHUSIASM
- CONFIDENCE
- CREATIVITY
- FLEXIBILITY
- DETERMINATION

PARENTS:

- Please check your child’s diary and support your child with homework tasks each week.
- Please send in any old mobile phones, batteries and chargers. We will add them to our Mobile Muster collection.
- Remind children to return library books each Friday before school!
- Remind children dress appropriately for winter weather conditions.
- We are a sip’n crunch class.

Warm Regards

Mrs Vuksan-Cusa and Mrs Prince